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KINSHASA FOR DAO AND ZAMISH, NDJAMENA FOR DAO

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GABON

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1. APPRECIATE OFFER REFTEL A TO SEND LT. COL. TORBETT TO LIBREVILLE IN APRIL, AND RECOMMENDATION REF B THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF CHAD AND ZAIRE DATT OFFICES VISIT HERE AT SAME TIME.

2. IN LIGHT CURRENT LIKELIHOOD THAT FINAL USG DECISION ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR GABON WILL BE DEFERRED FOR PERIOD OF SEVERAL WEEKS TO SEVERAL MONTHS, MUST REGRETFULLY REQUEST THAT THESE PROPOSED VISITS BE DEFERRED UNTIL WE HAVE PROGRAM IN BEING. FEAR THAT ARRIVAL OF MILITARY OFFICERS PRIOR TO SUCH DECISION WOULD RAISE QUESTIONS IN MINDS SENIOR GOG OFFICIALS WHICH WE WOULD NOT BE IN POSITION TO ANSWER, AND WOULD SERVE ONLY TO INCREASE ALREADY SUBSTANTIAL PRESSURE ON US TO DELIVER ASSISTANCE THEY ARE EXPECTING.

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3. WILL ADVISE ALL ADDRESSEES WHEN WE BELIEVE VISIT
WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL, AND HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO
RESCHEDULE AT THAT TIME AS WE WILL BE VERY MUCH IN
NEED OF YOUR HELP. STEIGMAN

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